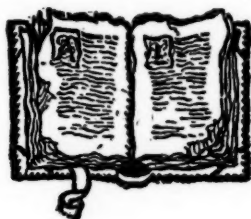


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Miss Myrtle Deason, North Little Rock Public Library  
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Miss Gladys Sachse, Arkansas State Teachers College Library, Chairman  
Miss Frances Barnett, Little Rock Public Library  
Mrs. Clarice Johnson, Grant County Library  
Miss Isabel Wynn, Southwest Arkansas Regional Library

## A NEW PROGRAM TO MEET NEW DEMANDS

### The New President's Message<sup>1</sup>

I am pleased to have this opportunity to greet the members and friends of the Arkansas Library Association.

Last year, we were hoping and working for increased and stabilized funds with which to work; this year, these dreams are facts, for, in our November election twenty-eight counties achieved this goal in the passage of the first library tax millage. Last year we were looking forward to the inspiration and material aid Miss Helen Ridgway would bring to us at the state meeting. Now we are working to incorporate her practical plans and suggestions into the core of library work in the state. Today, we are going forward toward better organization and understanding of new library needs.

After Miss Ridgway gave us practical figures and advice as to the present library service available in the United States, she suggested that we study our program, or make an effort to create a new program to meet the new demands. In cooperation with librarians familiar with library problems in this state, Miss Ridgway made specific recommendations through which members of the Arkansas Library Association, working with library conscious people in Arkansas, can meet current library needs.

In the past decade, Arkansas libraries have made great strides. Where there were once almost no trained librarians in the state, we now have a small, but steadily growing number of professionals. With the leadership of these trained workers a period of rapid growth will be possible. Mr. Hodding Carter, one of the guest speakers on the program of the Arkansas Library Association, expressed well the deplorable condition of a great number of our public libraries. We were challenged by the unlimited possibilities of these nuclei collections to which our interest can give rebirth and rapid growth.

It is said that every age has its Great Need. Surely, the Great Need of our library day is interest on the part of librarians, but more important, interest on the part of the people in every community. For, without the cooperation of the community, the librarian can achieve nothing.

In each community the librarian must be, not only a dispenser of books, but a missionary of library spirit. Library interest already exists in lay people all over Arkansas, in some instances in a dormant state, but it can be aroused and stimulated by your interest and efforts.

Let our goal be not only books but people. Don't be content to do just the routine work in your school library, or to continue the same type of service offered your community by its library twenty-five years ago, or to serve those in your county or regional library just as you have served them in the past. Serve those whom you now serve, serve those whom you have not served before, and create libraries throughout the state which are not musty collections of books, but vital service institutions helped by and helping every person in Arkansas.

<sup>1</sup>Miss Eula McDougal, Librarian of the Mississippi County Library, newly elected President of the Arkansas Library Association.

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE ARKANSAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 14-15, 1948

The first general session of the 26th annual conference of the Arkansas Library Association was called to order by Miss Leila Heasley, Association Vice President, at 2:00 o'clock, October 14, 1948, in the Parish House, Christ Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. She introduced Mrs. D. D. Terry who welcomed the group.

The guest speaker for the afternoon, Miss Helen Ridgway, Public Library Specialist, American Library Association, discussed "National Planning for Improved Public Relations." She stated that a library was an essential educational service for the public.

A film, "All Around Arkansas," was shown as a public service of the Esso Standard Oil Company.

The dinner meeting held at the Sam Peck Hotel, Thursday evening was addressed by Hodding Carter, Editor, Delta Democrat-Times, Greenville, Mississippi. Mr. Carter who was introduced by Mr. Harry Ashmore of the Arkansas Gazette staff discussed "Books and Brickbats."

Sectional meetings were held Friday morning, October 15, 1948, from 10:00-11:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Nels Barnett, Independence County Library Board member, presided at the Public and County Library Section. Miss Helen Ridgway discussed "State-wide Planning for Better Libraries." She stated that with the Arkansas Library Association, the Arkansas Library Commission, the Regional Libraries, Municipal Libraries, Branch Libraries, and the Bookmobiles all working together, libraries can be "One Big Main Stream."

Mrs. Carroll Bishop, Librarian, Arkansas College, presided at the College and University Section meeting. She introduced Miss Constance Mitchell, Arkansas State Teachers Col-

lege, who held a round table discussion on "Specific Methods for Improving Service in the College Library."

Miss Marcella Grider, Instructor in Library Science, University of Arkansas, presided at the School Library Section. Miss Annie Mae Alston, Librarian, Harding College, discussed "How to Create Library-mindedness in Teachers." A panel discussion on "Publicity Problems of the School Librarian," was led by Miss Gladys Sachse, Arkansas Teachers College.

At 12:30 a luncheon and business meeting was held at Parish House, Christ Church with Mrs. Hazel Deal, Association President, presiding. Minutes for the 1947 meeting were read by the secretary and approved as read.

Mrs. Sorrels, Association Treasurer, reported that the balance at the present time was \$224.24.

The registration committee reported that 136 had registered for the meeting.

Mrs. I. C. Oxner read the Legislative Committee report. She stated that campaigns were underway in twenty-eight counties preparatory to voting in the November 2 election for a one mill library tax.

Miss Eula McDougal, Chairman of the Education Committee, reported that with new standards for school libraries becoming effective in 1948, a study of needs and problems in meeting these regulations had been made. Library training departments in several colleges, library workshops, and extension courses for librarians and classroom teachers are now being offered in helping to meet the new regulations.

Miss Beth Welch, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that 203 individual memberships and five institutional memberships had been issued in 1948.

Miss Lucile Lucas, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported that her committee selected recruitment and retirement as areas for study.

In connection with retirement they asked Mr. C. F. Allen, Executive Secretary of the Teacher Retirement System, to explain the possibility of the inclusion of librarians in the Teacher Retirement System.

The following resolutions were adopted:

We, the members of the Resolution Committee of the Arkansas Library Association, submit the following report:

Resolved: that we express our sincere appreciation to the Rector and Vestrymen of Christ Episcopal Church for their gracious hospitality.

Resolved: that we express our thanks to Miss Helen Ridgway, Mr. Harry Ashmore, and Mr. Hodding Carter for their inspirational and informative messages delivered to this twenty-sixth meeting.

Resolved: that we express our appreciation to the Esso Standard Oil Company for showing us the film, "All Around Arkansas."

Resolved: that we express our gratitude to Professor Josef Rosenberg and his pupil, Miss Mary Elizabeth Bass, for her beautiful piano selections.

Resolved: that we express our appreciation to Miss Mary Sue Shepherd for the lovely floral arrangements at the dinner and luncheon of this twenty-sixth conference.

Resolved: that we express our appreciation to the Busch Music Company for lending us the piano.

Resolved: that we extend our thanks to the officers and committees of the past year for their splendid work in arranging this twenty-sixth meeting and for their untiring efforts in promoting library interests throughout the state.

Resolved: that we extend a vote of thanks to the Baptist Book store for serving coffee prior to the meeting.

Resolved: that we extend a vote of thanks to the various companies who exhibited library materials.

Resolved: that we, the librarians, trustees, and friends of libraries, do remember, and continue to appreciate the inspiration and guidance of the late Vera J. Snook.

Freddy Schader, Chairman  
Vivian Maddox  
Isabel Wynn

Miss Irene Mason, Librarian and Executive Secretary of the Arkansas State Library Commission read the Publications and Publicity Committee report. The next issue of ARKANSAS LIBRARIES will be a double number January-April 1948, containing material of particular interest to special libraries, with Miss Mason as editor. The July 1948 number will stress the county library tax and is to be edited by Miss Malone. The October number is to be on college libraries with Miss Knerr, editor. January 1949 number is to be edited by Mrs. Procter and will concentrate on public libraries.

Miss Elizabeth Malone presented the following nominations:

President — Miss Eula McDougal, Mississippi County Librarian.

Vice President — Mrs. F. L. Procter, Forrest City Librarian.

Secretary — Miss Marcella Grider, Instructor in Library Science, University of Arkansas.

Treasurer — Mrs. W. E. Finley, Malvern High School Librarian.

Member-at-Large—Mrs. Nels Barnett, Member Independence County Library Board.

Arkansas Councilor to American Library Association — Miss Irene Mason, Executive Secretary Arkansas Library Commission.

The motion was made that nominations be accepted and nominees be elected by acclamation.

A short business meeting was held after which a film, "New Chapters" was shown.

Respectfully submitted,  
Evie Shaw, Secretary

## ARKANSAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## Treasurer's Statement

1948

Balance from 1947 -----\$224.24  
(1948 membership dues collected at 1947 convention incl.)

## TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1948

Exhibit fees for 1947 Convention-----\$ 30.00  
1948 Memberships received after 1947 Convention----- 108.00  
Money received at 1948 Convention----- 589.15  
    Registration (136)-----\$ 68.00  
    Banquet (122)----- 226.40  
    Luncheon (83)----- 103.75  
    1949 Memberships----- 81.00  
    Exhibit Fees----- 110.00

## Exhibitors:

Baptist Book Store  
Edwin Allen Company  
Democrat Printing & Lithographing Company  
J. B. Lippincott Company  
New Method Book Bindery Inc.  
World Book  
Doubleday & Co., Inc.  
A. C. McClurg & Co.  
Albert Whitman Co.  
Little Rock Library Bindery Co.  
Compton's Encyclopedia  
Childcraft  
Arkansas Book House  
Encyclopedia Britannica  
Jenkins Book Co.  
Wilcox & Follett Co.



TOTAL RECEIPTS -----\$727.15

TOTAL RECEIPTS & BALANCE -----\$951.39

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 1948 -----\$578.60

Dues to Southwest Library Association----- 18.30

Envelopes for membership chairman----- 4.34

Display paper for 1948 Convention----- 4.00

Honorarium and expenses to Hodding Carter----- 75.00

1948 Convention banquet, incl. tip----- 246.05

Convention Speaker, Miss Ridgway----- 18.95

Convention expenses—Miss Heasley ----- 7.41

Rent on Parish House for 1948 Convention----- 50.00

Convention expenses: Miss McDougal ----- 5.00

Postage for membership chairman ----- 5.58

Printing 1948 Convention Programs ----- 2.50

Refund on banquet ticket—Mrs. Daugherty ----- 1.85

Convention expenses: flowers ----- 19.66

Postage for president and treasurer ----- 4.50

Expenses for library section at Arkansas Education Association 5.20

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\$578.60

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE-----\$951.39

TOTAL EXPENDITURES ----- 578.60

Balance, January 1, 1949-----\$372.79

Account transferred from Bank of Brinkley, Brinkley, Arkansas, by check (No. 22) \$372.79 to Mrs. W. L. Finley, Malvern, Arkansas, 1949 Treasurer of the Arkansas Library Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. H. V. Sorrels, Treasurer.



## SECTIONAL REPORTS

### SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SECTION

The School and College Sections of the Arkansas Library Association met at the Parish House in Little Rock at 10:00 A. M., October 15, 1948, with Miss Marcella Grider presiding. Miss Annie May Alston, Librarian, Harding College, spoke on **How to Develop Library-mindedness in Teachers**. Miss Gladys Sachse, Assistant Librarian, State Teachers College, led a panel discussion on the topic, **Publicity Problems of the School Librarian**. Other members of the panel were, Marietta Edens, Librarian, Berryville Public Schools; Lillian Sorrels, Librarian, Brinkley High School; and Syble Tatom, Librarian, Stamps High School.

Following the program, the group discussed the need for the acceptance of the B.S. in L.S. degree as equivalent to the Master's degree for the purpose of salary.

During the business session the following officers were elected for 1948-1949:

Chairman—Miss Freddy Schader, Librarian, Parker School, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Secretary—Miss Mattie Milner, Librarian, Junior High School, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miss Marcella Grider, Chairman.

### COUNTY SECTION

The County Librarians met October 15, 1948, at 7:30 A. M. for an informal breakfast at the Lido Cafeteria to discuss **Methods of Bookmobile Service**. Those taking part in the panel discussion were: Miss Beth Welch, Sebastian County Librarian, who talked on **Working With the Home Demonstration Clubs**; Miss Vivian Maddox, Southeast Arkansas Regional Library, who discussed **Delivery Service Versus Direct Book-**

**mobile Service For a Regional**; Mrs. Ann Veazey, Ashley County Librarian, talked on **Scheduling of Bookmobile Routes**; Mrs. Nancy Rutherford, Jefferson County Librarian, talked on **Story Hour on the Bookmobile Route**; Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, Pulaski County Librarian, discussed **Benefits of Bookmobile Service**.

Displays from different counties were shown in regard to creating interest in the voting of the one mill tax in November.

The group adjourned to hear Miss Helen Ridgway talk on **Planning for Better Arkansas Libraries**.

The election of officers was held in the Parish House following the next session.

The following officers were elected to serve for 1949:

Chairman—Miss Beth Welch, Sebastian County Librarian.

Vice-chairman—Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, Pulaski County Librarian.

Secretary—Mrs. Nancy Rutherford, Jefferson County Librarian.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Jessie Hines, Chairman.

### TRUSTEE SECTION

The Trustee Section of the Arkansas Library Association met for a short business session following a joint meeting of County Librarians and Trustees. The Trustees resolved to make an effort to increase trustee interest and attendance at state meetings.

The following officers were elected for 1949:

Chairman—Mrs. I. C. Oxner, McGehee.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Ben C. Isgrig, Little Rock.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. John Moose, Chairman.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

With new standards for school libraries becoming effective in 1948, a study of needs and problems in meeting these regulations has been made. Library science courses, residence and extension, and library workshops, are now being offered in several colleges.

The chief problems as shown by the study are:

- 1) Training personnel to meet standards for type of position held.
- 2) Working out a co-ordinated program over the state in colleges which can offer adequate laboratory facilities and teaching staff.
- 3) Deciding who can profitably take these undergraduate courses.
- 4) Distributing information about standards and assistance in setting up a plan for meeting regulations.

As a result of the study the following recommendations are submitted by the committee:

- 1) A campaign for recruiting librarians through meetings and publications.
- 2) A survey of library training now being offered in the state.
- 3) Investigation of the possibility of a state-wide survey to determine the present facilities and needs of libraries within the state.
- 4) Use of the results of this survey to determine the number and types of library positions which can benefit from the undergraduate training within the state.
- 5) Formulation of state-wide plan for working together to meet standards.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eula McDougal, Chairman.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee of the Arkansas Library Association met

October 15, 1948. The total membership of the association is now 208 members. Two hundred and three are individual members and five are institutional. This is a gain of seventeen individual members over last year's total of 184, and a loss of four institutional memberships. The two hundred and three individual memberships were divided as follows:

- 74 Public and County Librarians  
(Including Commission Staff)
- 39 Trustees
- 29 University and College Librarians
- 50 School Librarians
- 3 Special Librarians
- 8 Others

The school librarians showed a gain of twenty-three members, the greatest gain by any one group. A total of \$9.22 was spent by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Welch, Chairman.

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee selected recruitment and retirement as areas for study.

In regard to recruitment we recommend:

- 1) That a mailing list of Guidance Counselors be secured from the Guidance Division of the State Department of Education and that letters urging that librarians be invited to act as speakers for Career Days be sent to the Counselors.

- 2) That libraries make available to young people in their territory the American Library Association folder on recruitment. These folders may be secured for \$3.00 per 100.

- 3) That librarians join the Education Division of the American Library Association.

In connection with retirement we have asked Mr. C. F. Allen, Execu-

tive Secretary of the Teacher Retirement System to explain the possibility of the inclusion of librarians in the Teacher Retirement System. We recommend that several plans of retirement be studied before any discussion or action is taken.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lucile Lucas, Chairman.

#### PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee was able to take care of its business by correspondence.

**Arkansas Libraries**, the joint publication of the Arkansas Library Association and the Arkansas Library Commission, was a number behind schedule. It was decided the next issue would be a double number, that is, January-April, 1948, Volume 4, Series II, Numbers 3-4. It was further decided that this number should contain material on, and of particular interest to special libraries, Miss Mason to act as editor. The July number would stress the County Library Tax, and be under the editorship of Miss Malone. The October number is to be on college libraries and Miss Knerr will be editor.

The committee's term expires before the publication of the January number. Considering the time and effort involved in preparing our magazine, it was decided that this committee would plan the January number, and recommend that future committees do likewise. This number is to be under the editorship of Mrs.

Proctor and will concentrate on public libraries.

The committee would like to recommend that in the future each number include material of interest to all phases of library work in our state. **Arkansas Libraries**, being a quarterly publication, is unable to cover each section of the Arkansas Library Association with a special number in a given year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Mason, Chairman.

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee is delighted to report that campaigns are underway in twenty-six counties preparatory to voting in the November 2 election for a one mill library tax, and in two counties for a one-half mill tax.

It is impossible at the moment to tabulate the outcome of these campaigns, but the scope of the movement is in itself a tribute to the work of the Arkansas Library Association and its friends.

As chairman of the Legislative Committee I was asked by the Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Board to furnish them a model constitution and by-laws. I wish to express my thanks to Mrs. Hazel Deal and to the Arkansas Library Commission staff for their aid in furnishing me with material and suggestions for this piece of work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. I. C. Oxner, Chairman.

## NATIONAL PLAN FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Miss Helen Ridgway

Public Library Specialist

A library is an essential part of any community. It is a necessary part of the educational public service of the community, supplementing the school program. It provides leisure reading and material for research; it is an information center; it is the vehicle by which the thoughts and discoveries of other lives are passed from one generation to another.

In the United States, thirty-five million people have no free library service. Most of the people without libraries live in small, rural communities, or in completely rural areas. A large proportion of these library-less millions live in the south.

Fifty million people in the United States have very poor library service. We need not describe to you these inadequate libraries, for they are probably the libraries with which you grew up, if you were fortunate enough to grow up with a library. They are, of necessity, poorly arranged, because they are too small. The buildings are out-moded and run down. The life of a building is considered twenty years. By this standard, most of our library buildings died many years ago. And what of the books these libraries house?

They too, are old—old in cover and content. They are full of out-of-date material. These libraries are struggling along on uncertain contributions or too small a tax. It is not necessary, either, to point out to you that some librarians are doing clerical work while professional library work is going undone.

The remainder of our population, approximately fifty million people, has a more or less adequate library service. A few areas, such as Massachusetts and the District of Columbia, are able to provide 100% service for their population.

No one realizes better than a librarian that adequate libraries cannot be established overnight. Working for better libraries on a national level, the American Library Association has formulated a twenty-year plan. By following this plan we hope to make satisfactory library facilities available to every person in the United States. A twenty-year plan was considered most suitable, since the desired standard of service could hardly be achieved in a shorter period, and since one can hardly hope to plan successfully for a longer period. A detailed plan for the first ten years, together with an outline plan for the period to follow, is considered practical. The pattern of organization will vary with changing conditions, and it will not always be possible to follow exactly the same plan, even in different localities of the same state.

It has been the conclusion of the American Library Association that most of our library administrative units are too small. Their per capita income is too small, and, as a result, the yearly income is not sufficient to support an adequate library standard. Generally speaking, the existing libraries serve only a small portion of the people—those residing within the municipality where the library is located. The library income is derived wholly from this limited citizenry.

A co-operative library system from which every citizen benefits, and to which each contributes, is needed. The twenty-year plan proposes to include every person in the United States in the library program, and, to this end, several types or patterns of organization have been drawn up as working models of library administration. In determining the size and

boundaries of the area served by each unit, objectives are unity and simplicity of organization, and complete coverage.

Ideally, the larger unit should include all local libraries in a given area as points of service under its administration. The center library will be complete, and the size of each branch library will be determined by the need in its vicinity.

Existing libraries will not be leveled down, and there should be no restrictions on local improvement of branch libraries. The large unit will simply serve to raise the level of those branch libraries without sufficient resources, and to supply service where none exists. This will reduce the number of authorities or heads, but will increase the number of branches so that direct service through a local branch will be available to a greater proportion of the population.

Briefly, the patterns of organization are as follows:

1) **Independent libraries in cities whose population is 25,000 or over.** In many of our cities the libraries serve only the municipal area. This is more or less satisfactory in cities of the above-mentioned size, but, even in such centers, a few have already discovered that it is possible to serve the out-lying regions quite satisfactorily. From the point of view of all-over service, it is to be hoped that many more of these community libraries will see the vast possibilities of service in a wider area. These libraries which are already established and working are natural points from which to expand.

2) **County Libraries.** Many of us are already familiar with the county library plan in which a central unit library serves the whole area of the county without regard to subordinate governmental units.

This plan has the merit of simplicity, but will provide adequate service only if the population is sufficiently large. One of the difficulties sometimes occurring in this plan is

the inability to secure the support and co-operation of existing community libraries.

3) **County libraries serving part of large counties.** Certain community libraries already functioning retain their identity as separate, unattached units, while the county unit serves the rural areas and small communities and towns without previous library service. Some of the wealth available through the larger municipal centers is lost to the county as a whole in this plan, and a specially created library must be set up. This pattern has the advantage of being able to concentrate on areas that are most in need of service.

4) **Regional or multi-county libraries.** Almost two-thirds of American counties have less than 25,000 population, and, hence, are really too small for satisfactory operation of the county library plan. This type of organization combines several counties, a large county and one or more smaller ones. It creates a natural service area strong enough to maintain itself and eliminates duplication of resources and administrative overhead.

Legal difficulties sometimes occur in the establishment and administration of regional libraries, but laws recently passed in several states have eliminated such difficulties.

5) **Federated groups of libraries.** This plan is desirable in many places where a good many firmly established small municipal libraries do not wish to give up their traditional autonomy. Each local library serves the surrounding area, using a centralized system of ordering and cataloging. Complete reciprocity in circulation service and regional leadership is given by the library of the central city.

The small library compensates for the partial loss of its independence by having access to a larger book collection. State aid grants are advisable to equalize financial support. The



greatest disadvantage of a plan of this nature is the fact that co-operation is completely voluntary and would not always be forthcoming.

6) **Special state districts.** With this plan the state itself undertakes regional library administration, establishing under it other regional libraries if they are needed. It is thought that this plan would be most successful in smaller states. Its great advantage is the fact that the state can act quickly without hindrance. As in the other plans, local units would be established throughout the state with a more complete central unit over them. There is also the difficulty arising from the fact that some local units would choose to remain independent.

These six plans are not by any means a limit on the formation of other plans. As library service grows plans will develop to meet the needs. Often, for example, it will be advisable to determine regional library boundaries on the basis of existing roads, trade centers, topography, etc. In the south the predominantly rural nature and the lack of any great number of firmly established community libraries indicate the advisability of the adoption of county regional plans.

Although the chief function of the Library of Congress is to serve as a reference collection for Congress, this library does contain much material that could well be put to use throughout the United States. It has been suggested that the country be divided into districts, with every area in the United States being included, so that requests within each district would reach the Library of Congress through the district head.

In order to have good library service we must have funds with which to operate. For minimum service the A. L. A. proposes a per capita expenditure of \$1.50, for medium service the per capita standard is \$2.50, and excellent library service requires \$3.00 per capita income. With the

achievement of the minimum \$1.50 per capita, a library serving 25,000 people would have an annual income of \$37,500. This amount is deemed necessary for satisfactory library service.

There is, of course, some controversy concerning the recommended per capita income. It is, at best, a standard measurement to be used as a goal. Such a standard cannot be reached by real estate tax alone. It must become an accepted fact that a library is a service institution worthy of ample support. In many areas federal, state, and local support must be secured before the minimum standard can be achieved. Fifteen per cent federal aid seems justified by the great disparity in money in the different states, and twenty-five per cent state aid is in line with current trends for state aid to public services. This leaves sixty per cent of the library funds to be raised by local legislation, and the legislation is needed to assure the continuity of service.

At the present time a large proportion of our librarians are without any formal library training. In the past a love for books was the main qualification for a librarian. Now the need of special training for librarians is recognized. Unfortunately, a librarian's salary has not always made it worth while for interested persons to seek the needed training. The American Library Association has recommended \$2,800 as a minimum salary for qualified librarians.

A good librarian is expected to make her library a center for communicating ideas. In order to do this it will be necessary to have a collection of materials which will answer the needs of the community. This collection includes not only books, but modern devices such as films, records, pictures, and other types of audiovisual aids. These services should be dispensed by trained and qualified librarians working in a well planned and adequate building.

## SOUTHWESTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Twelfth Biennial Conference  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 1948

The Southwestern Library Association met in New Orleans, October 31-November 3, 1948, for its 12th biennial conference. Mr. John Hall Jacobs, Librarian of the New Orleans Public Library and President of the Association for the 1947-1948 biennium, presided over the general sessions, which featured Dr. Harold Stoke, President of Louisiana State University; Father Vern Swartsfager, President of *Kid's World*, Dallas, Texas; and Professor John T. Frederick of Notre Dame University.

The conference was attended by 321 registrants from Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, who spent a happily-crowded three days attending section meetings, state meetings, library school breakfasts, visits to Tulane and Loyola Universities, and the author's dinner where author guests Dr. Hewitt Ballowe, and Arthemise Goertz were present.

Miss Helen Ridgway, Public Library Specialist of the American Library Association, was present to report on the results of her 1948 visits to the states comprising the Southwestern Library Association. Mr. Francis R. St. John, Director of the Veterans Administration Program, presided over the meeting held by the Veteran Librarians.

Miss Nora Beust, U. S. Office of Education, and Miss Helen Ferris, Editor of the Junior Literary Guild, were featured speakers at the Young People's Section Meeting. Mr. William H. Carlson, Director of Libraries, Oregon State System of Higher Education, probably took the record for having come the longest distance to participate in the program. He was

guest speaker at the College and Reference Section's luncheon meeting at Arnaud's.

Panel discussions before the College and Reference, Public Library, and Cataloging Sections provided opportunity for many prominent Southwestern librarians to discuss common problems and objectives.

Of more than usual interest to librarians everywhere is the resolution adopted by the entire membership of the Southwestern Library Association present: "We implicitly believe, with all librarians, that our unregimented libraries are a bulwark of democratic contemporary society of free men and women, for they provide the full information which is the basis of that society. Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that we reaffirm and state our steadfast belief in freedom of expression, freedom of acquisition for library collections, and freedom of access to libraries by all people, because these are irreducible factors of a free society."

A post conference clinic on library demonstrations was arranged by Miss Sallie Farrell, Field Worker for Louisiana State Library. This clinic was attended by some fifty librarians who remained in New Orleans an additional day in order to make a tour of the Lafourche Parish Library as guests of the Louisiana State Library. Mrs. Gretchen Schenk spoke at the clinic on "Trends in Regional Library Development" and Miss Irene Mason, Executive Secretary and Librarian, Arkansas Library Commission, reported on "Progress in Arkansas." Various members of the staff of the Louisiana State Library described the



organization and development of the demonstration libraries in Louisiana.

Miss Essae M. Culver, Louisiana State Librarian, was general program chairman for the entire conference, and to her goes the credit for the careful planning, thorough coverage, and outstanding execution of the complicated program. To the many local librarians who arranged tours to New Orleans' famous Vieux Carre, and to the equally famous cemeteries on All Saints Day, go the thanks of all the visitors. The hospitality throughout was warm and sincere, and no one present could help but acknowledge that the entire conference was successful to an unusual degree.

Officers elected for the 1949-50 biennium are:

President—Mrs. Helen S. Farrington, Librarian, El Paso Public Library.

First Vice President—Mr. Edmon Low, Librarian, Oklahoma A & M College.

Second Vice President—Mr. Arthur McAnally, Librarian, University of New Mexico.

Secretary—Miss Bess Vaughn, Librarian, Shreve Memorial Library, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Treasurer—Mr. Marvin Miller, Librarian, University of Arkansas.

Patricia Paylore, Secretary, Southwestern Library Association.

## AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Any person or institution interested in library work may become a member of the American Library Association. Dues are payable by the calendar year and are classified on a salary as follows:

Class	Salary	Dues
A	\$1200 or less	\$ 2 annually
B	1201-1500	3 "
C	1501-2100	4 "
D	2101-3000	5 "
E	3001-4000	6 "
F	4001-5000	8 "
G	5001-or over	10 "

All classes receive the news issues of the Bulletin. Class C receives in addition the Handbook. Classes D through G receive the Handbook and Proceedings.

All applications for membership should be sent to the Membership Department, American Library Association, 50 East Huron, Chicago 11, Illinois.

Let's join our national association immediately.

## NEW COUNTY LIBRARY FOR GARLAND COUNTY

On November 2, Garland County voters approved a one-mill tax levy for library purposes under the provisions of Amendment 38 of the State Constitution. The movement for a new library which was first sponsored by the Kiwanis and Home Demonstration Clubs was later endorsed by many civic organizations.

A plot of ground at Woodbine Avenue and Hawthorne Street, adjacent to the Garland County Courthouse, will be sought as a site for a building to house the new County Public Library. The proposed site is owned by the County and is now being used as a public playground.

The Hot Springs Library Associa-

tion has volunteered to donate all of its assets to the new institution. The Library Association expects to sell the Central avenue business property at Park junction and turn the proceeds over to the new library with several thousand dollars in bonds and about \$10,000 worth of books.

County Judge Q. Byrum Hurst appointed a county library board of six members. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, David Whittington, was elected chairman of the library board; Mrs. Herman C. Wehland, vice chairman; Mrs. Johnny Mae Mackey, secretary; Sidney Taylor, treasurer; and Mrs. Hubert Mendd, assistant secretary.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY CLINIC AT BERRYVILLE

County school supervisors, school superintendents, and school librarians in a four county area—Boone, Carroll, Marion, and Newton—attended a one-day school library clinic in Berryville on December 10, 1948. The clinic, the first one in Arkansas, was held in Berryville's model school library. The new stone and concrete building replaced one that was demolished six years ago by a tornado.

The clinic and meeting was sponsored by Mrs. Hazel Deal, North Arkansas Regional Librarian of Harrison. Assisting with the clinic were representatives from the State Department of Education, University of Arkansas, and Arkansas Library Commission.

Miss Marcella Grider, instructor in Library Science, University of Arkansas, discussed the library science courses offered at the university and other colleges in Arkansas. Miss Irene Mason, executive secretary of the Arkansas Library Commission, told

about regional library services to schools. M. A. T. Shuller, Superintendent of Berryville schools, exhibited the school's library, one of the most outstanding in the area, and explained how it had been developed in less than one year's time.

At noon a luncheon was served by the Berryville Home Economics Class. Hosts were Coy Logan, Carroll County School Supervisor, Superintendent A. T. Shuller, Mrs. Jack Edens, school librarian, and Mrs. Hazel Deal, Regional Librarian.

The clinic was a progressive step in building of better school library service in the schools to meet the standards for school libraries recently set up by the State Department of Education. Statistics from the North Arkansas Regional Library in Harrison show that schools in the four county area have used about 15,000 books from the library in Harrison this year.

## LIBRARY TAXATION IN ARKANSAS

It is doubtful if another state in the union can boast, as we may, on the outcome of the first election allowing us to vote for a maximum of a one-mill tax to support county libraries. Twenty-eight counties pass-

ed the tax by huge majorities. We have made a grand beginning, now let's keep up the good work. Some folk say figures are uninteresting, but here is a set that warrants special consideration:

## LIBRARY TAX RETURNS FOR 1948

County Library	For	Against		
*Ashley -----	1227	250	Phillips -----	2034 527
Clark -----	958	451	Randolph -----	1724 844
Columbia -----	2150	677	Sebastian -----	1188 456
Conway -----	1801	512	Sharp -----	912 306
Craighead -----	3022	1405	Southeast Ark. Regional	
Dallas -----	1295	235	Desha -----	1977 360
**Fulton -----	123	8	Drew -----	1270 417
Garland -----	3823	1257	Lincoln -----	1073 183
Grant -----	871	157	Southwest Ark. Regional	
Hempstead -----	1532	1308	*Little River -----	1014 275
Independence -----	1057	630	Sevier -----	982 755
Jackson -----	2369	543	Washington -----	3858 1876
Jefferson -----	1756	533	Woodruff -----	1244 288
Lawrence -----	1557	530		
Logan -----	1932	683		
Ozarks Regional				
Franklin -----	1294	455		
Johnson -----	1854	309		

\*Voted ½ mill tax

\*\*Through error the printer left the Library Measure off the Fulton County ballots. This figure is the number of people who wrote the library tax on their ballots.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RULING  
On Amendment Number 38

The State Attorney General's office ruled that funds derived for maintenance of a county library under Amendment 38 are not legally available for construction of a library building.

Miss Irene Mason, executive secretary and librarian of the Arkansas Library Commission, asked for an opinion on whether the word "maintenance" in the amendment would permit money raised thereunder to be spent for a library building. Amendment 38 permits a levy of a county tax for "maintenance of a

public county library or county library services or system."

Chief Assistant Attorney General Cleveland Holland wrote that "maintenance" clauses in the amendment would not be synonymous with building or construction. "Maintenance" means the upkeep or the preserving of a property or thing which has already been constructed. Since Amendment 38 provided for the maintenance of a county library or county library service or system, the funds so derived would not be available for the construction of a library building.

## EXTENSION CLASSES

An extension class under the guidance of Miss Leila Heasley, School Libraries Consultant, was organized on November 23, 1949, in Manila for teachers and librarians in the Northern end of Mississippi County. Twenty-three people enrolled, and, upon completing the course of sixteen sessions, will be given college credit from the University of Arkansas. The class was given instruction in selection, purchase, and use of library materials with special attention being given to films, recordings, and other audiovisual aids.

On November 24, 1949, an extension class was organized in Walnut Ridge. Because the group enrolling was too large for effective teaching, two classes were offered on consecutive nights—one to meet in Walnut

Ridge and one to meet in Black Rock. Superintendents from several of the large schools enrolled as well as librarians and teachers from most of the schools in the county.

A similar extension class was organized in Harrison at the North Arkansas Regional Library for teachers, librarians, and superintendents in that region. The class was taught by Miss Marcella Grider, instructor from the University of Arkansas, and credit was given for completion of the course by the University of Arkansas.

At Danville, Arkansas, an extension class was given in Library Science by Arkansas State Teachers College. Miss Gladys Sachse, librarian of the Children's Training School Library of the College, was the instructor.

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LIBRARY

The American Library Association has announced a \$20,000 two-year grant received from the Rockefeller Foundation to establish an International Youth Library in Munich.

The objectives of the International Youth Library will be: first, to establish a library of children's books from many countries, and, second, to illustrate the contribution which such a youth library can make in the promotion of better international understanding.

Mrs. Jella Lepman, who is known for establishing international youth book exhibits, will serve as initial director and adviser of the library. Selected children's books in many languages will be brought together in the building which the Bavarian government has already donated for the use of the International Youth Library. These books will be used by children and young people in Munich and also by adults interested in youth.

Mrs. Lepman and Friends of the International Youth Library believe

that it will demonstrate methods by which such libraries not only in Germany but in many countries can contribute fundamentally to better international understanding.

Margaret Scoggin, librarian of the Nathan Strauss Young People's Branch of the New York Public Library, has accepted the American Library Association's invitation to spend two months this summer in the study of young people's reading in Germany. She will consult with Mrs. Lepman concerning plans for the International Youth Library. Miss Scoggin will represent the A.L.A. Division of Libraries for Children and Young People.

The International Relations Committee of the A.L.A. Division of Libraries for Children and Young People will serve as the clearing house for information on types of books desirable as gifts. Jean Thomson, Public Libraries, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, is chairman of the committee.

## NEWS NOTES

## ARKADELPHIA:

The library building has recently been redecorated under the supervision of the city library board. Sheet-rock was used on the ceilings, and the woodwork and floors have been refinished. The walls were painted pastel green. A new book case and magazine rack were added to the reading room.

The Woman's Library Association and the City Library Board held open house on Thursday evening, November 18, 1948. The public was invited between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 so that they might see the improvements in the building.

## CRAIGHEAD COUNTY:

In observance of Book Week the public library sponsored the dramatization of TOM SAWYER over radio station KBTM on Saturday morning, November 20. All citizens of Jonesboro and Craighead County were invited to visit the library during Book Week and become reading patrons.

## EL DORADO PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Mrs. Ann Goodwin, who is stationed in Berlin, Germany, has sent on loan to the El Dorado Library her collection of characters from German Fairy Tales. The cut-outs, which are made of wood, are hand-painted showing infinite care in every detail to bring proper representation to each character. Mrs. C. C. Wilking, Librarian, said,

"These figurines that carry a twang of the old world are now on display in the juvenile room to the delight of the children, who are thoroughly enjoying them, it being somewhat of a game to fit the names to the characters that have literally stepped out of the Fairy Tale books."

## LITTLE ROCK:

On November 11 Mrs. Catharine Thompson Chew became librarian of the Little Rock Public Library. She has been acting librarian since the death of Miss Vera Snook last spring.

## MANILA PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Wednesday, February 16, will be set aside in Manila for the formal opening of the Snider Memorial Library, built in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. George E. Snider.

## MISSISSIPPI COUNTY:

On Monday, October 11, groundbreaking ceremonies for a two story \$50,000.00 Mississippi County Library were conducted in Osceola. The site for the library is on West Hale Street adjacent to the post office on ground donated in 1912 by W. J. Driver. David S. Laney, president of the board of trustees for the new library, and Mrs. F. O. Gwyn, president of the Osceola Progressive Club, moved the first dirt in the library groundbreaking ceremonies. Plans for the building call for library reading rooms located on the first floor and and auditorium and club rooms for civic groups located on the second floor.

NORTH ARKANSAS  
REGIONAL LIBRARY:

Mrs. Ethel Phillips, branch librarian at Yellville, died at her home December 20th. Mrs. Phillips had served as branch librarian since the organization of the Regional Library early in 1944. She will be greatly missed both in Yellville and throughout the county.

## PINE BLUFF:

At the regular Saturday morning story hour at the public library the

children's librarian cooperated with the City Fire Department in opening the celebration of National Fire Prevention Week. The story was HOW THE TWINS PUT OUT THE FIRE. Fire Chief Alford talked to the children about fire prevention. Then the children were taken for a ride on the big fire truck.

PRESCOTT:

The city Council of Prescott donated \$150.00 to the library for reference books.

RAVENDEN SPRINGS:

The Ravenden Springs School Library was presented with a very valuable book collection recently by Mrs. C. C. Wells of Pocahontas as a memorial to her son, the late Preston Wells.

VAN BUREN:

The Women's Literary Club of Van Buren sponsored the new fluorescent lighting system in the library.

"Just Looking, Thank You"

Elizabeth Malone, Craighead County Librarian, cleverly includes this notation in her reports: "Reference questions, asked, answered, and **looked for.**"

We wonder if the Prairie Grove Librarian ever gets any of Red Skelton's wife's mail. The librarian's name is Mrs. Rex Skelton.

Stirring Court Room Scene

No judge—no jury—just Christmas trees and happy children when Mrs. Terry Griffith entertained the Story Hour children of Independence County in the court room. Mrs. Griffith told the story, "The Christmas That Was Nearly Lost." There was a record-breaking crowd of 800 children present.